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ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING STATEMENTS BY AMERICAN AMBASSADOR

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USNATO FOR AMBASSADOR KUBISCH

1. TWO ATHENS DAILIES, KATHIMERINE AND APOYEVMATINI, ON DECEMBER 10, IN REPORTING SECRETARY'S TRIP TO NATO MINISTERIAL AND ANTICIPATED DISCUSSION THERE OF CYPRUS WITH GREEK AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTERS, CARRIED ACCOUNT OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE REMARKS RE ALLEGED STATEMENT OF AMBASSADOR KUBISCH. BOTH REPORTS BASED ON AP ARTICLE DATED WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 9 WHICH NOTED THAT DEPARTMENT OF STATE YESTERDAY STATED THAT IT HAD NOTHING TO ADD TO CATEGORICAL DENIAL OF AMERICAN EMBASSY IN ATHENS CONCERNING STATEMENT OF AMBASSADOR KUBISCH TO AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS VISITING GREECE (SIC).

2. KATHIMERINI HEADLINED ARTICLE "PRIOR TO NATO CONFERENCE

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IN BRUSSELS - KISSINGER TALKS WITH BITSIOS AND ESENBEL"

AND REPORTED STATE DEPARTMENT REMARKS UNDER SUBCAPTION
"THE KUBISCH STATEMENT." APOYEVMATINI ON BACKPAGE UNDER
HEADLINE "THE USA COVERS KUBISCH" REPORTED DEPARTMENT'S
STATEMENT IN WASHINGTON DATELINED ARTICLE WHICH DESCRIBED
UPCOMING NATO DISCUSSIONS IN WHICH SECRETARY KISSINGER
WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADORS KUBISCH AND MACOMBER.
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